

Our election of officers resulted in several changes—our new superintendent comes into his labor with the respect and love of the entire membership.

Walter Campbell, one of our former Sunday-school boys converted in our church and a member of unusual energy and zeal—who better than he could lead the youth in our church to a love for Sunday-school work.

Brother Wilt is at Williamstown holding forth in a protracted effort; we pray that showers of spiritual blessings may rest upon his efforts.

Our business meeting held Jan. 6, was one of the most enjoyable I have ever attended. Under the able leadership of brother Isaiah Myers who is our chairman for the ensuing year many questions of spiritual worth were discussed. The zest and spirit with which these ideas were discussed bespeak good for the cause at Independence in time to come. A vote to retain Brother Wilt for another year was rendered. Also a decision to begin a series of meetings as near Feb. 1, as convenient to our Brother. Remember our church in your prayers that we may prove faithful followers of Christ Jesus.

MRS. ROSE KRABILL.

Salisbury, Pa.

On Sabbath, January 14, I renewed my request to be released from the pastoral oversight of the Salisbury church, April 1, which was granted with reluctance and emotion. This church is one of my own, and dearest ecclesiastical children, having organized her a little over four years ago. Our relationship has been from the first that of the closest, and most ardent affection. My resignation was based on the conviction that a young man can serve this people, while I am possibly more needed now elsewhere. That is all.

The Salisbury charge is not a difficult field by any means, and a young minister may have plenty of time to do the very best literary work for the pulpit, and not be obliged to ride for miles each day to look up a scattered congregation. The members are all within easy reach. One sermon a Sabbath, alternately morning and evening, is all that will be required.

The congregation has appointed the undersigned the pastorate correspondent, and I shall be glad to hear from ministers wishing a charge.

J. C. MACKAY.

Elk Lick, Pa.

Listie Church, Somerset Co., Pa.

Our conference resolution as to making the last Sunday in November "temperance day" was not forgotten by me. The people of the community received the "best in the shop" for that day. One sister said it was easily seen that I had given the subject some thought. The only one of the ministers in the Pennsylvania conference besides that I heard of doing the same was Brother Knepper. I heard of members who did not respect the resolution, and Brother Mackey, when he reads this will see why I said at convention, "let's

not pass this unless we mean it."

The Sunday-school lesson last quarter on "Robbing God" led me to preach on that subject on said day. Duty led me to make an appeal for missions that day and the unannounced brought \$2.00 into said fund. I hope to be able to report that the Listie church has found a successor, not because I did not like the work but because I could not give it the desired attention. Said church had a most excellent Christmas entertainment with a good program, and well executed, creditable in every respect to the locality. May the Lord bless it to the good of the people.

R. Z. REPLOGLE.

Fort Scott, Kansas

Once again we will leave you hear from our little church at Godfrey. Since last heard from our membership has been increased for which we are made to rejoice. The more so that one of our own family was made willing to come out on the Lord's side. On the first Lord's day of November Brother Hixson commenced meeting at this place and continued until Dec. 3. Result, seven baptized. Closed with a love feast enjoyed by all. Brother Hixson labored earnestly and his labors were blest. He is an earnest worker and may he accomplish much good at this place. On the first Lord's day of this month he was with us again. The roads were almost impassible, yet we had an interesting meeting.

ANNIE I. GARBER.

Godfrey, Kans.

Oakland, Pa.

Dear Evangelist Readers,—I beg your indulgence while I tell you that brother J. L. Bowman came among us on Friday, Dec. 22, and remained until Jan. 1. During his stay he delivered eleven sermons that were full of soul good and cheer for the sainted believer. And of warnings, invitations and pleadings for the sinner. Altho Brother Bowman did his part faithfully there were no results by way of accessions, but good seed was sowed that will doubtless bear fruit in time to come. Some felt the strivings of the spirit, but by action said, "not yet." From my standpoint of viewing the matter, Brother Bowman is a man that will wear in a community instead of wearing out, as we find it in some cases. May God bless him in his ministry and grant him many sheaves to bring with him when God shall say come up higher.

D. J. HETRIC.

Jones Mills, Pa.

If the Lord permits the plans of this congregation to be carried out we will be in the midst of revival work when the readers of the EVANGELIST see this report. The field is white for harvest and we are praying that many souls may be saved. Will every Christian who reads this unite with us in that prayer?

Since our last report the work has been moving along without anything unusual occurring. The Sunday school has not and will not close during the winter. The Young

People's Society continues to do good work. The outlook is bright. There are great opportunities to glorify God lying open to this church and with his help we expect to make use of them. We hope to be able to report new births into the kingdom in the near future.

MARCUS A. WITTER.

East Elkport, Iowa

God has blessed us in so many ways that we feel like praising him all day long. He has cared for us in trouble. He comes to us in a still small voice and speaks to us, "come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." What a joy it is to trust in Jesus. He gives us life and light. I was made to say, "Not my will, O Lord, but thine be done," helps us to be more submissive to thy will.

Brother Eli Hoover, of Waterloo, Iowa, came November 25, and held a week's meeting for us and came back the 6th of January and held a 13 days' meeting for us. We believe Brother Hoover rightly divided the Word of truth for us. Christians were brought near the blessed Master, sinners were led to accept the dear Savior, seven were baptized and two more yet to be baptized and one reclaimed. May the Lord bless Brother Hoover in his work. He is a preacher who respects no man above another, who says what he believes, and believes what he says and who speaks the truth. Brother Hoover was liked very much in this community. We hope that he may come and preach for us again.

NEVADA HANSEL.

Miamisburg, O.

We are working very diligently for a deeper awakening and quickening of the life from God in the church here. There are hindrances that could be mentioned, very many of them, but we are fully convinced that a work that is acceptable to God must come from Him, and we are fully assured that "There is nothing too hard for God." But this faith does not make us less diligent, but in fact makes us strong and untiring in the very face of seemingly unsurmountable difficulties, for the Lord works in us that which is pleasing in his sight. (Heb. 13:21.) So far four, two boys and two young men, have taken Christ as their Savior and King.

We will continue the meetings a few days "The Lord willing."

The Y. P. S. took a missionary offering yesterday evening amounting to \$3 75. This with the five dollars sent directly to Brother Holsinger and five at one time to the general mission board, and over three at the special offering the 24 of Dec. for general board, amounting to about \$17 00 from this church since last reported to help the work outside. It is to be remembered too that there are not fifty members here, tho that is unimportant. The work is the Lord's. He is of very great compassion.

J. M. BOWMAN.

Consider what thou art within, and weigh not what thou art thought to be abroad.—*Thomas a Kempis.*